Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is home to over 900 pork producers and is a national leader in pork production, ranking eleventh among all states and ranking number one in pigs per sow. South Dakota's 159,000 sows raise over 3,707,000 hogs per year; and,

Whereas, Great strides have been made in the pork industry through innovative advancements in genetics, production, and management resulting in an economical and nutritious product for today's consumers; and,

Whereas, South Dakota pork producers provide leadership to all those in agriculture as true stewards of the land, striving to preserve those resources they rely on for their livelihood; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's pork industry provides 7,900 jobs, contributes $520 million annually to the state's economy, and $17.4 million in business taxes annually, while South Dakota hogs consume 315,000 tons of soybean meal and 52 million bushels of corn; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Pork Producers Council works diligently to support research advancing the quality of pork production and products, to educate the public about the benefits of the pork industry, and to promote pork products in all markets; and,

Whereas, The pork producers of South Dakota adopted key ethical principles to show their commitment to produce safe food, protect and promote animal well-being, ensure practices to protect public health, safeguard natural resources in all of their practices, provide a work environment that is safe and consistent with their ethical principles, and contribute to a better quality of life in our communities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2013, as

PORK MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State